change released to them during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Number of persons	Foreign exchange released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1984-85	621	73096
1985-86	800	1008 23
1986-87 (upto Nov., 1986)	704	1094-84

The information relating to foreign exchange released for each patient and the nature of diseases is not readily available. The efforts involved in collecting this information would not be commensurate with the results to be achieved.

Telephone connections in Rajasthan

3427. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS he pleased to state;

(a) the total number of villages in Rajsathan having population of more than 5)00 without telephone facilities;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide telephone connections in beg-ger villages within a definite time-frame; and

(c) if *so,* what are the details thereof and by when they are likely to be provided at least with public calls offi ces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Sixteen villages in Rajasthan having population of more than 5000 are without telephone facilities.

(b) Yes, Sh. By 1989-90, subject fo availability of financial and material resources .

(c) Five villages, above 5000 population, are planned to be provided with long Distance Public Telephones during 1987-88. Eleven such villages are likely *to* bo provided with telephone facility by the end of 1989-90.

Asian circuit for sports

3428. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to form an Asian Circuit with other countries in order to hold regular athletic meets over a period of four to six weeks before the start of major championships; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Amateur Athletic Federation of India, the Governing body of Athletics in the Country, had suggested to the members of Asian Countries to form Asian Circuit to hold regular Athletic Meets to improve the standard of Asian players. For this an International Athletic Permit Meet has been approved by the International Amateur Federation to be hosted in New Delhi in September, 1988. The members of other Asian Countries are still discussing to hold similar Meets in their Countries to form a Circuit .